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polymer materials as polytetrafluoroethylene (i.e., "TEFLON"), nylon and the like as the mask material.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-14 and 20 to read as follows:

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1. A plate for printing comprising:

a mask with an opening area and a non-opening area;

a plate framework with at least four sides, on which said mask is fixed; and

a paste removing protrusion extending from a surface of said plate.

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2. The plate for printing according to Claim 1, wherein said paste removing protrusion is so structured as to have a flat area and a slanting area.

3. The plate for printing according to Claim 1, wherein said paste removing protrusion is disposed on said mask's non-opening area.

4. The plate for printing according to Claim 1, wherein said paste removing protrusion is disposed on a printing start side or on a side opposite to said printing start side thereof.

5. The plate for printing according to Claim 1, wherein said paste removing protrusion is disposed on a printing start side and a side opposite to said printing start side, respectively.

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6. The plate for printing according to Claim 1, wherein said paste removing protrusion is disposed on a side of said plate framework that is perpendicular to a squeegee's forward moving direction.

7. The plate for printing according to Claim 6, wherein said paste removing protrusion is formed in a one-piece structure with a side of said plate framework.

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8. The plate for printing according to Claim 7, wherein a spacing between said paste removing protrusion and said side of said plate framework is sealed with resin.

9. The plate for printing according to Claim 1, wherein a degree of surface smoothness of said paste removing protrusion is equal to or higher than a degree of surface smoothness of said mask.

10. The plate for printing according to Claim 1, wherein a coefficient of friction of said paste removing protrusion is equal to or smaller than that of said mask.

11. A printing device having a squeegee couplable to the plate for printing according to Claim 1, wherein said paste removing protrusion includes a slanting area such that a length of said slanting area is made same as or longer than the squeegee's thickness.

12. A printing device having a squeegee couplable to the plate for printing according to Claim 1, wherein said paste removing protrusion includes a slanting area such that a

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slanting angle of said slanting area is made almost same as an angle complementary to the squeegee's printing angle.

13. A plate for printing comprising:

a mask with an opening area and a non-opening area;

a plate framework with four sides, on which said mask is fixed; and

a paste removing member formed of a flat area and a slanting area, both together constituting a side of said plate framework that is perpendicular to a squeegee's moving forward direction.

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14. A method of printing a paste on an object to be printed with said paste by means of a plate comprising: a mask with an opening area and a non-opening area; a plate framework with at least four sides, on which said mask is fixed; and a paste removing member, said method comprising a step of removing a paste located at a squeegee's non-printing side by means of said paste removing member before printing is started.

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20. A printing device couplable to a plate for printing that has a paste removing protrusion extending from a surface of said plate disposed in such a way that at least a moving back squeegee of said printing device passes said paste removing member when two squeegees of moving forth and moving back are used in printing a paste.

SEE APPENDIX FOR CHANGES MADE TO SPECIFICATION AND CLAIMS